

**Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report**

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FROM: Michelle Kerr, Carol Ropski of Community Liaison Group

SUBJECT: Daily Report of September 12, 2017

COUNTY: Nueces

DATE: 9/12/17

Due: Daily 4:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Yesterday evening we returned one of our rental cars and switched the other for an SUV in preparation for relocating to Alpha Branch. We checked out of the EPA room block in Houston and traveled to Alpha Branch Command Post (ACP) in Corpus Christie, TX and checked in. We called in to the 10 am Community Liaisons' call from Refugio, TX while on the way. At the ACP we met with Janie Acevedo, Liaison Officer for the Joint Incident Command, along with Austin Vela, serving as the Public Information Officer. Discussed community information activities and overlapping contacts with Nueces Co., Port Aransas, and Corpus Christie.

Around mid-day we headed out to Port Aransas (Rick Adam 361.749.4111, referred by Christopher Boyce of Nueces Co.) and on the way received a call-back from Mrs. Lopez and were invited to meet up. We met with the Lopezes and listened to their experiences in communities after the flood.

Later in the afternoon we met with the City Manager of Port Aransas (David Parsons 361.749.411). The City's boil order is lifted, power and water utility services are restored. He was planning to contract with FEMA for debris removal, which is their biggest issue at this time. A handful of residents have private wells and septic systems. There is a community center where several groups were meeting with residents. Mr. Parsons agreed to provide a space in the community center to EPA to provide information to affected residents.

We met with two Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Managers at the community center in Port Aransas where several organizations (Small Business Association, Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, Federal Emergency Management Agency) were set up to meet with community members. FEMA was in the process of relocating out of the community center due to issues

with the building. Each of the DRC Managers was planning to open a DRC at a location to be determined.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

We volunteer to be assigned to San Patricio County; it has some heavily-impacted communities and we drive through parts of it on our current assignment in Nueces Co.

We need to revisit setting up a space for EPA at a DRC once the DRC Managers provide us with their new locations.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Debris removal in unincorporated areas of the county and in the colonias.

Debris removal and mold remediation in Port Aransas.